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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 17, 2002, OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action of December 17, 2002. In that Office Action, a three month shortened statutory period was set for response. Applicants hereby petition for the necessary extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorize that the fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 in connection with this Amendment be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2955. The extension of time fee is paid by the enclosed Fee Transmittal Form (Form PTO/SB/17). Furthermore, if it is determined that any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are due in connection with this Amendment, authorization is hereby given to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2955. In addition, applicants also request that any subsequently filed reply requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission be treated as if it incorporated such petition for an extension of time pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) and hereby authorize that any fees due in connection therewith be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2955.

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c), please amend claim 28 by rewriting it in clean form as follows (the marked up version of the amended claims follows the Remarks).

--1. (Amended) 4-[4-(2-pyrrolylcarbonyl)-1-piperazinyl]-3-trifluoromethylbenzoylguanidine hydrochloride 1